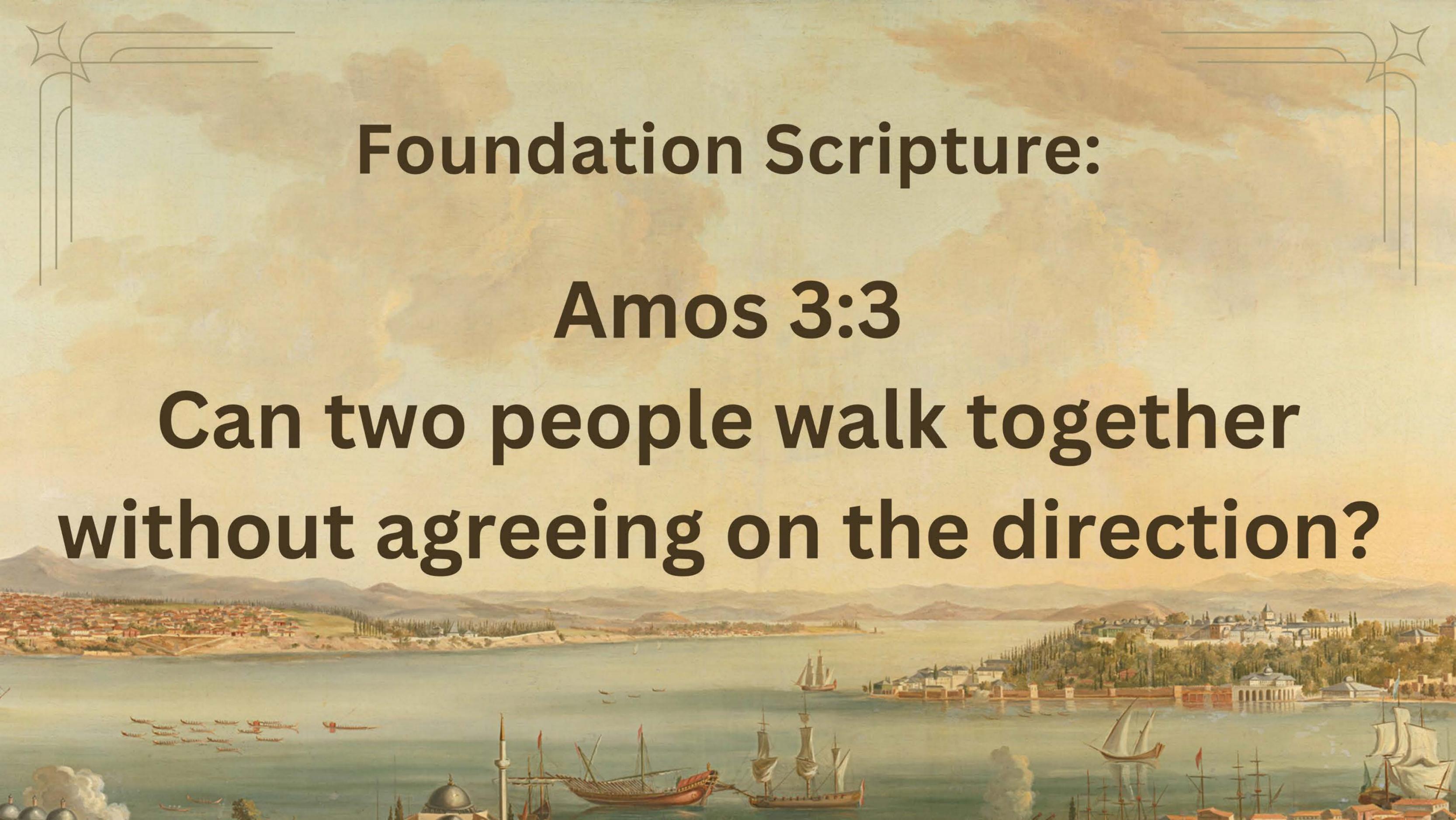


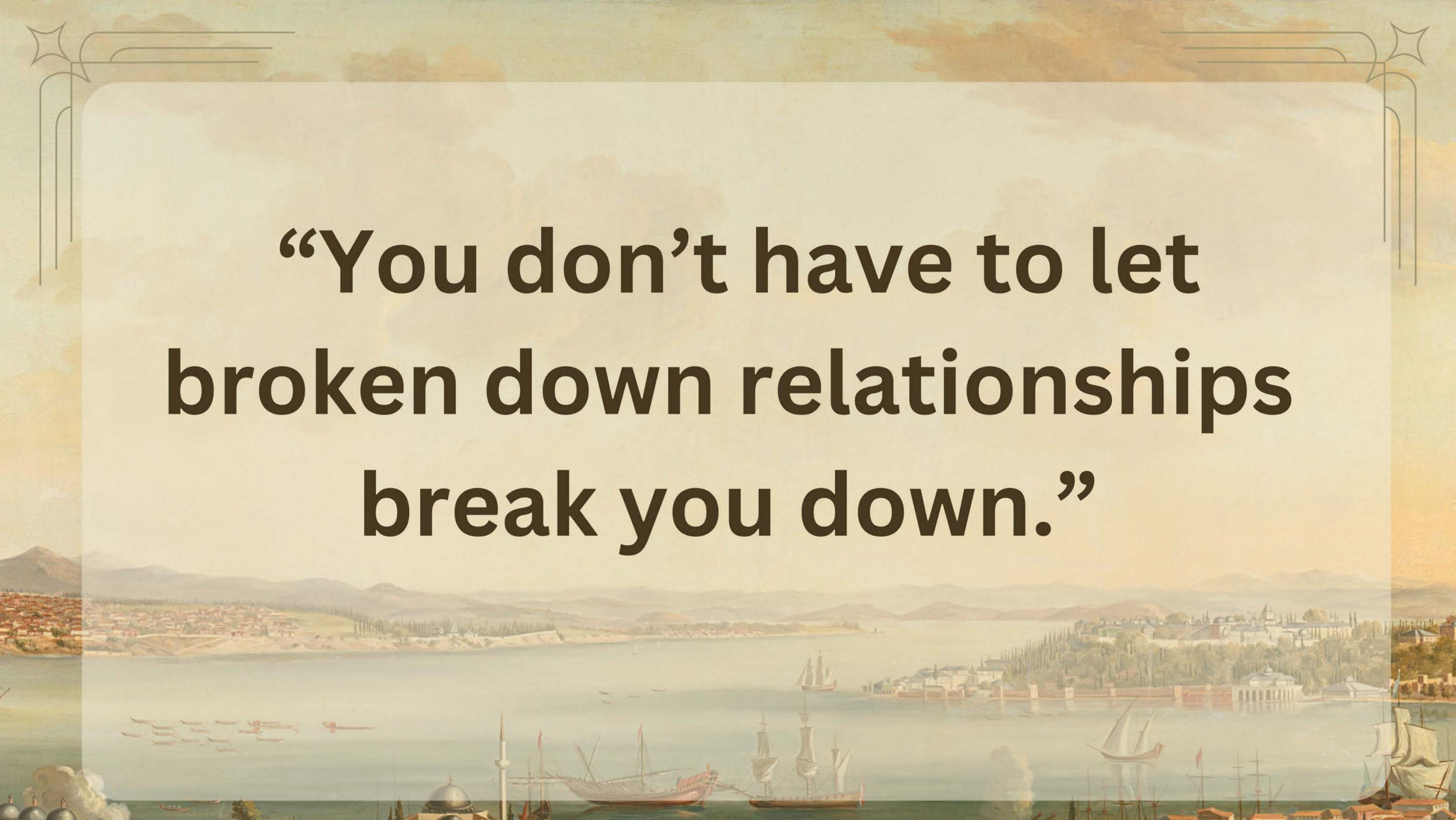
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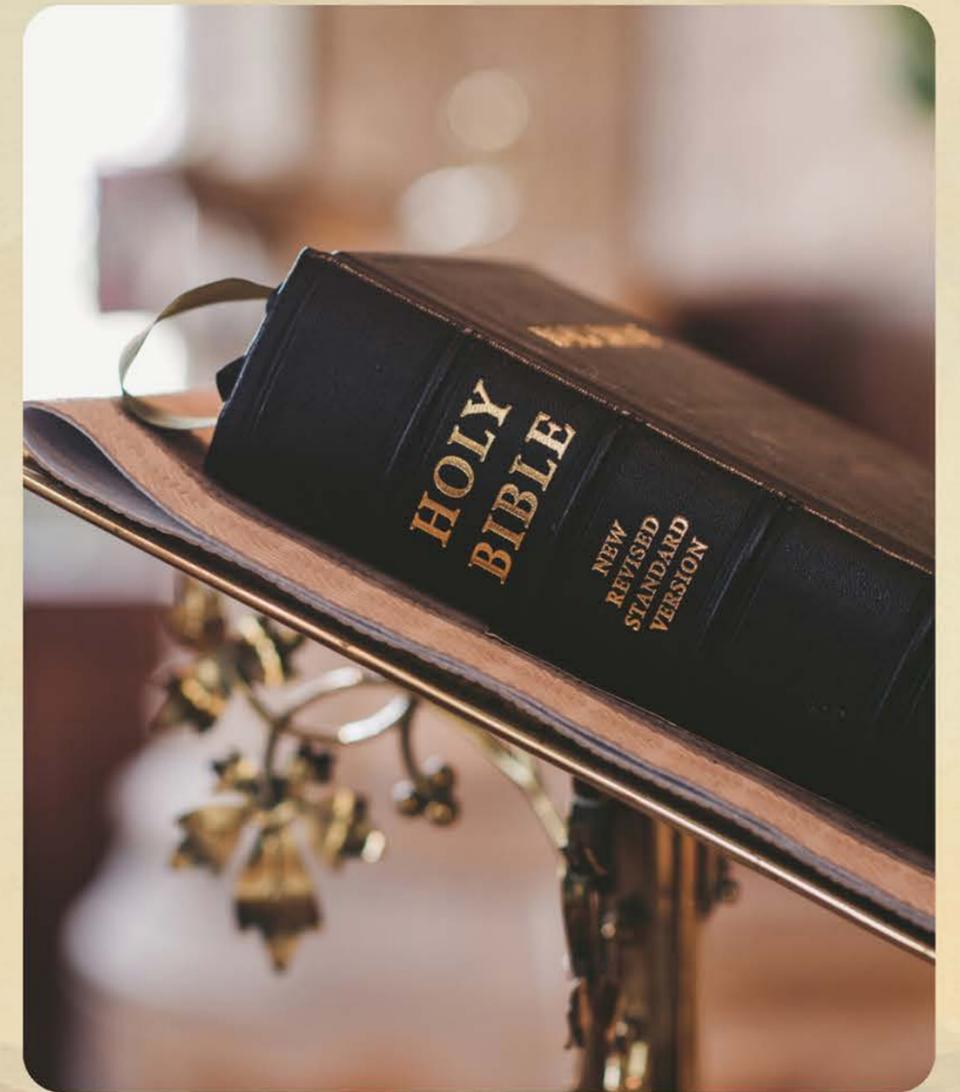
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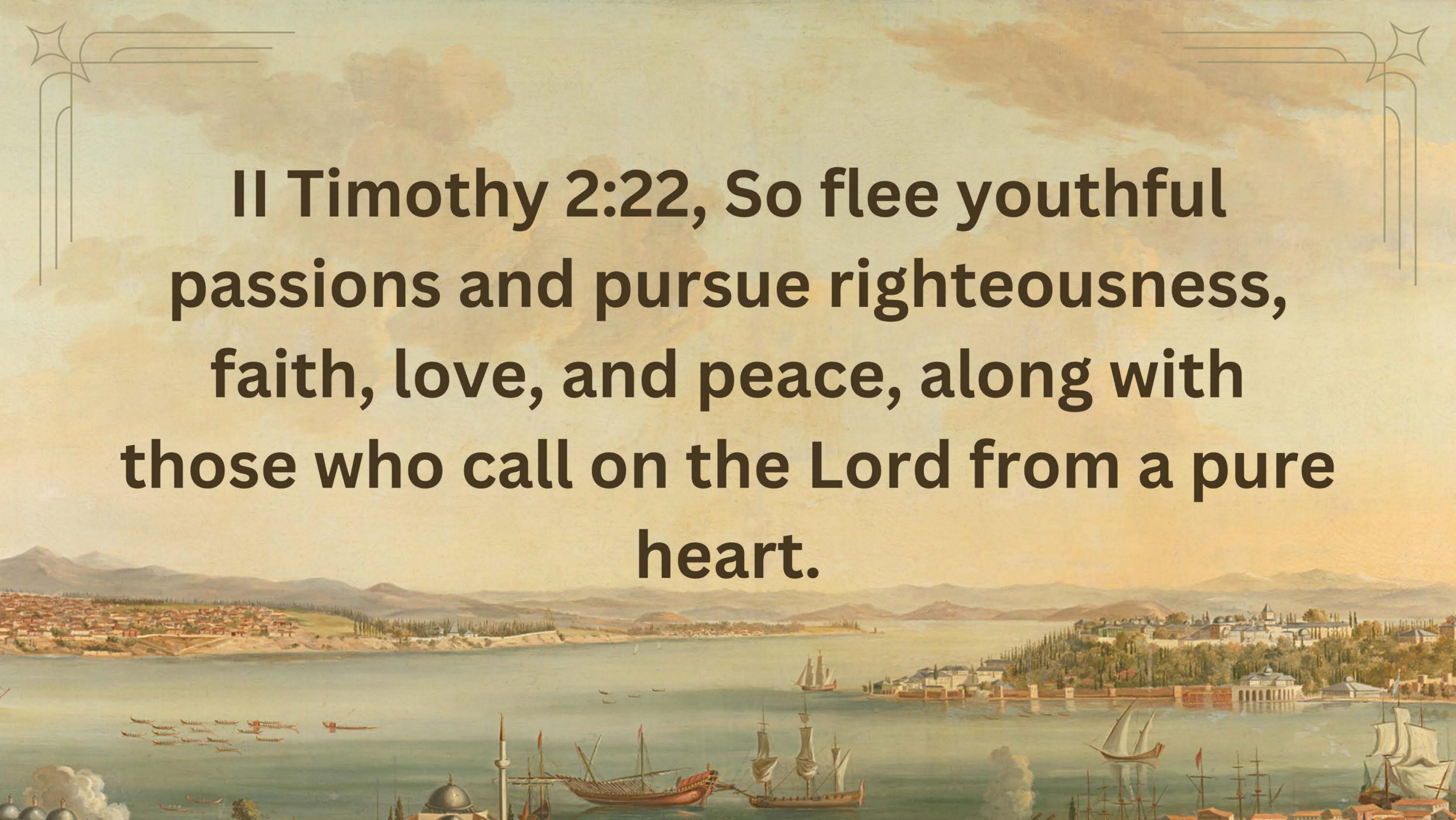
**Can two people walk together  
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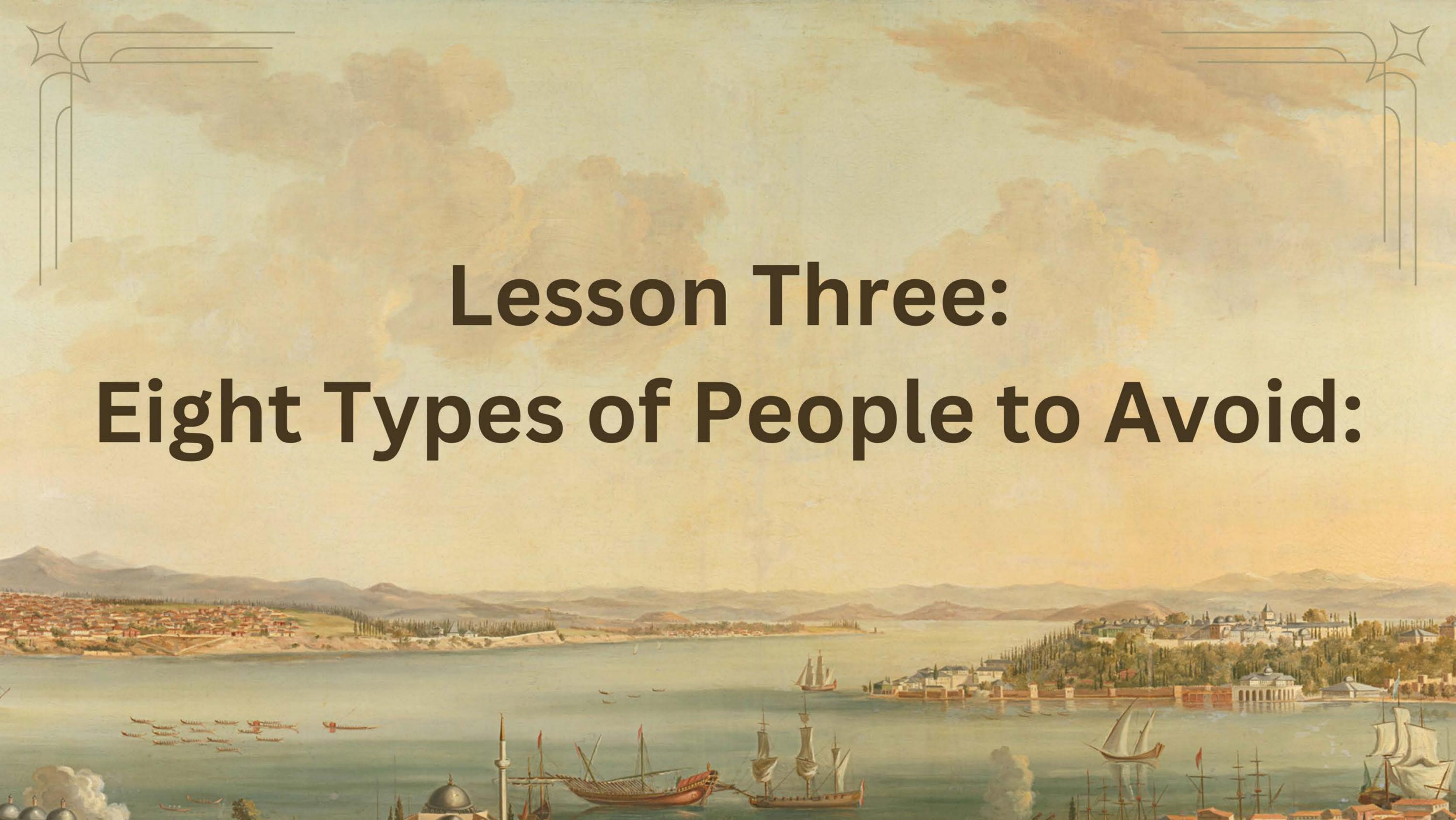
**“You don’t have to let  
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break you down.”**

# Scripture Lesson: Proverbs 26:12-28





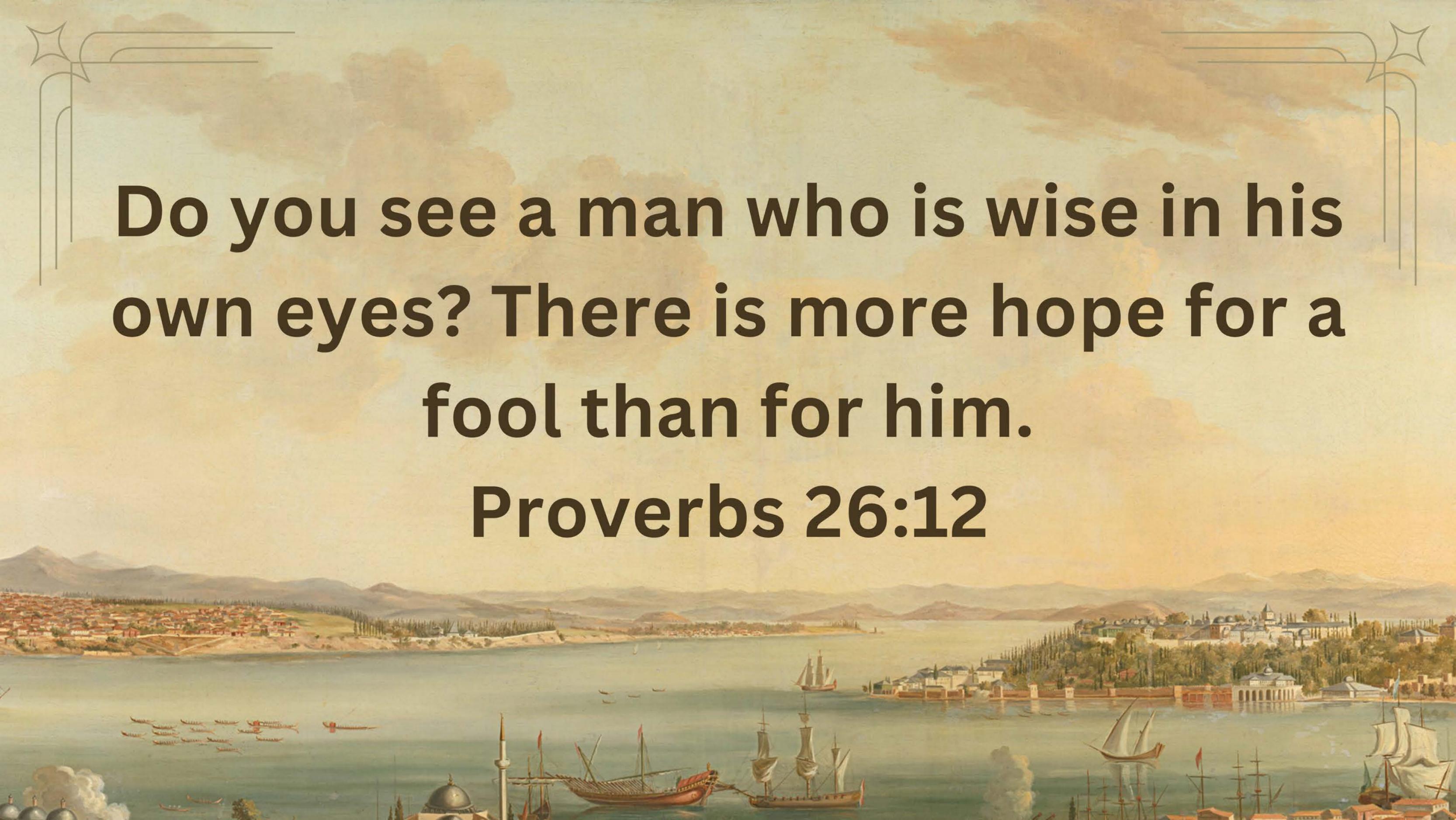
**II Timothy 2:22, So flee youthful  
passions and pursue righteousness,  
faith, love, and peace, along with  
those who call on the Lord from a pure  
heart.**



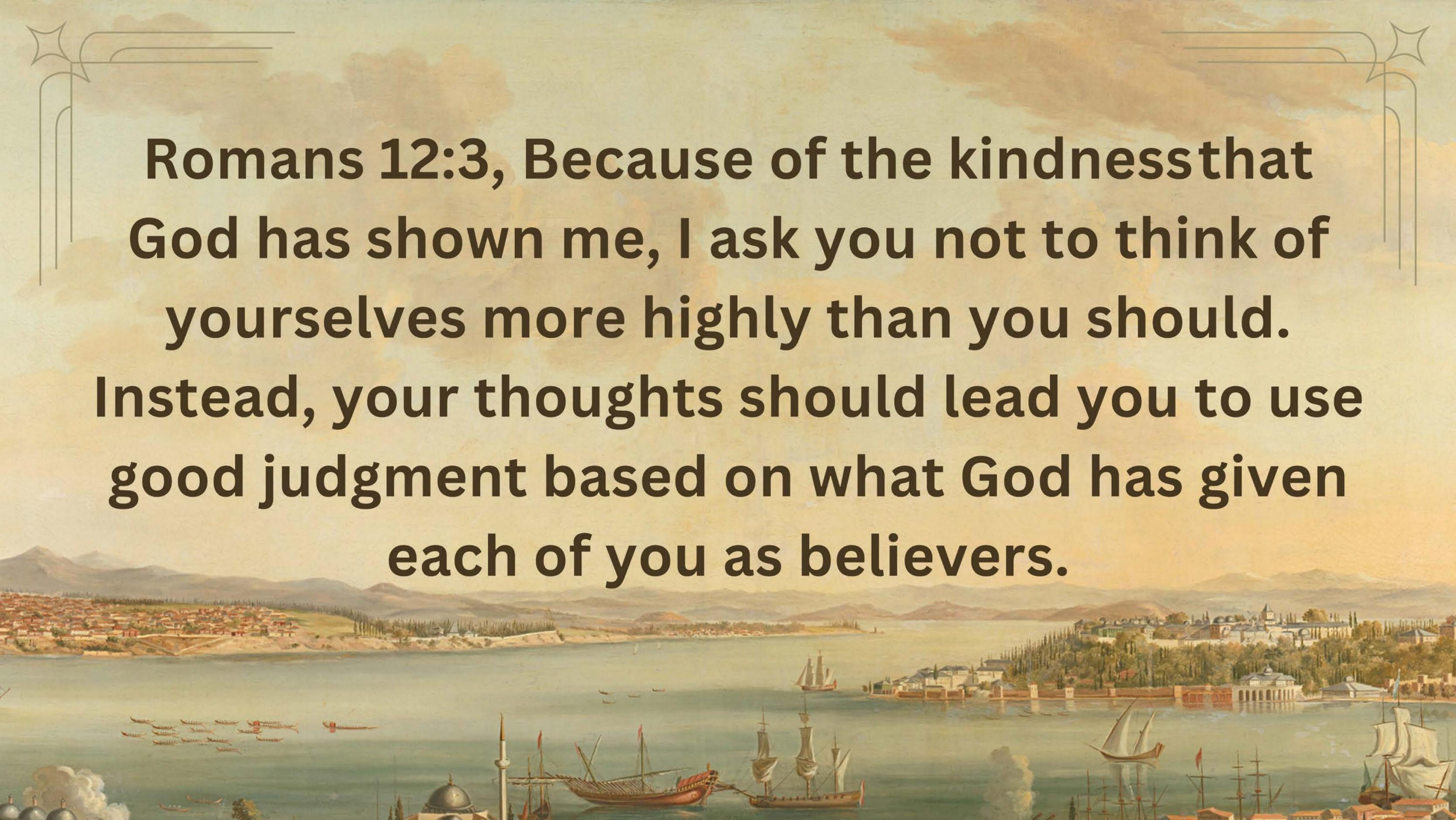
**Lesson Three:**  
**Eight Types of People to Avoid:**



**1. Avoid People Who Think  
Too Highly of Themselves.  
Proverbs 26:12**



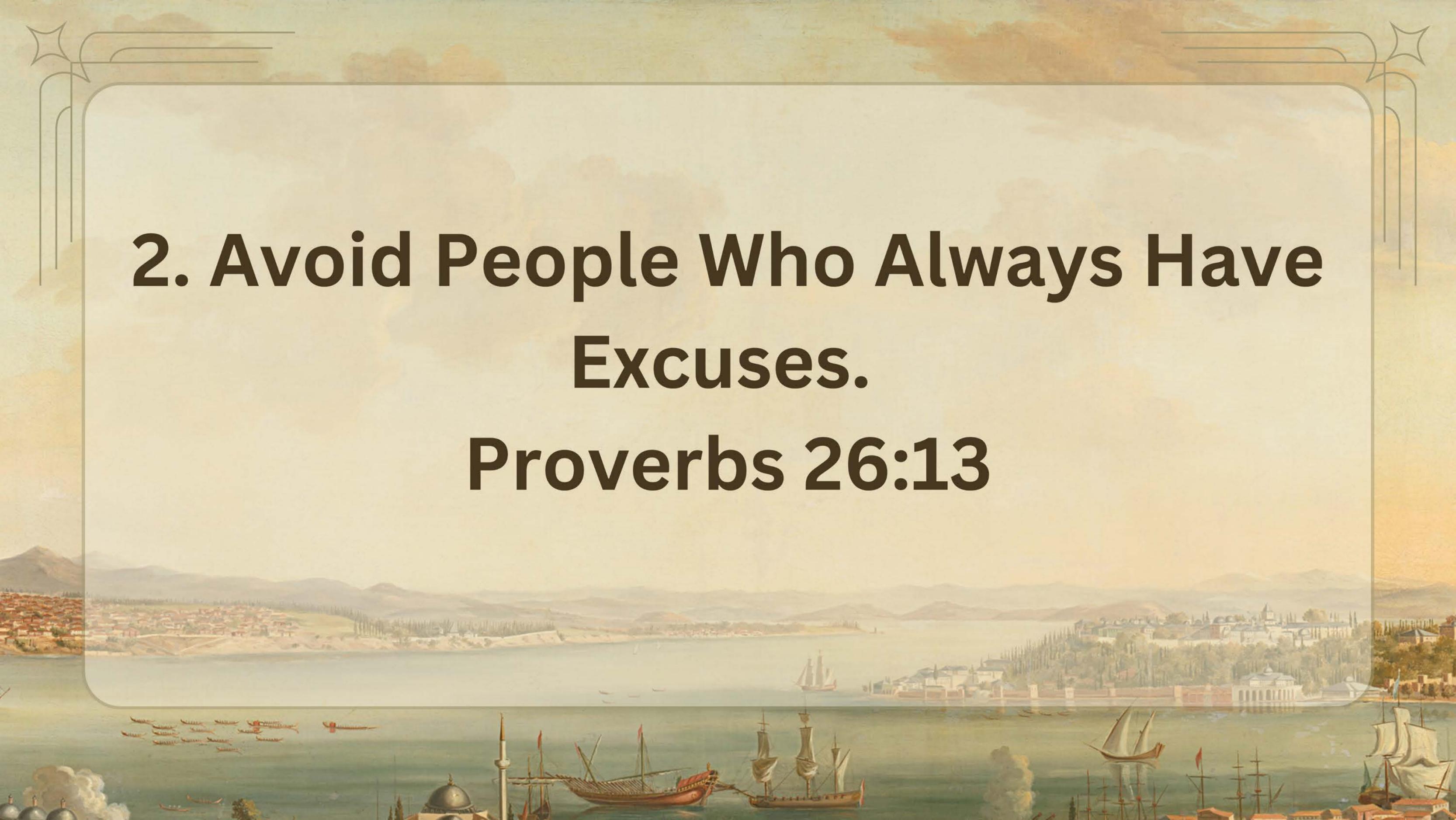
**Do you see a man who is wise in his  
own eyes? There is more hope for a  
fool than for him.  
Proverbs 26:12**



**Romans 12:3, Because of the kindness that God has shown me, I ask you not to think of yourselves more highly than you should. Instead, your thoughts should lead you to use good judgment based on what God has given each of you as believers.**



**“Life is a long lesson in  
humility.”**



**2. Avoid People Who Always Have  
Excuses.**

**Proverbs 26:13**

**The sluggard says, “There is a  
lion in the road! There is a lion  
in the streets!”**

**Proverbs 26:13**



**“He that is good for making  
excuses is seldom good for  
anything else.”**





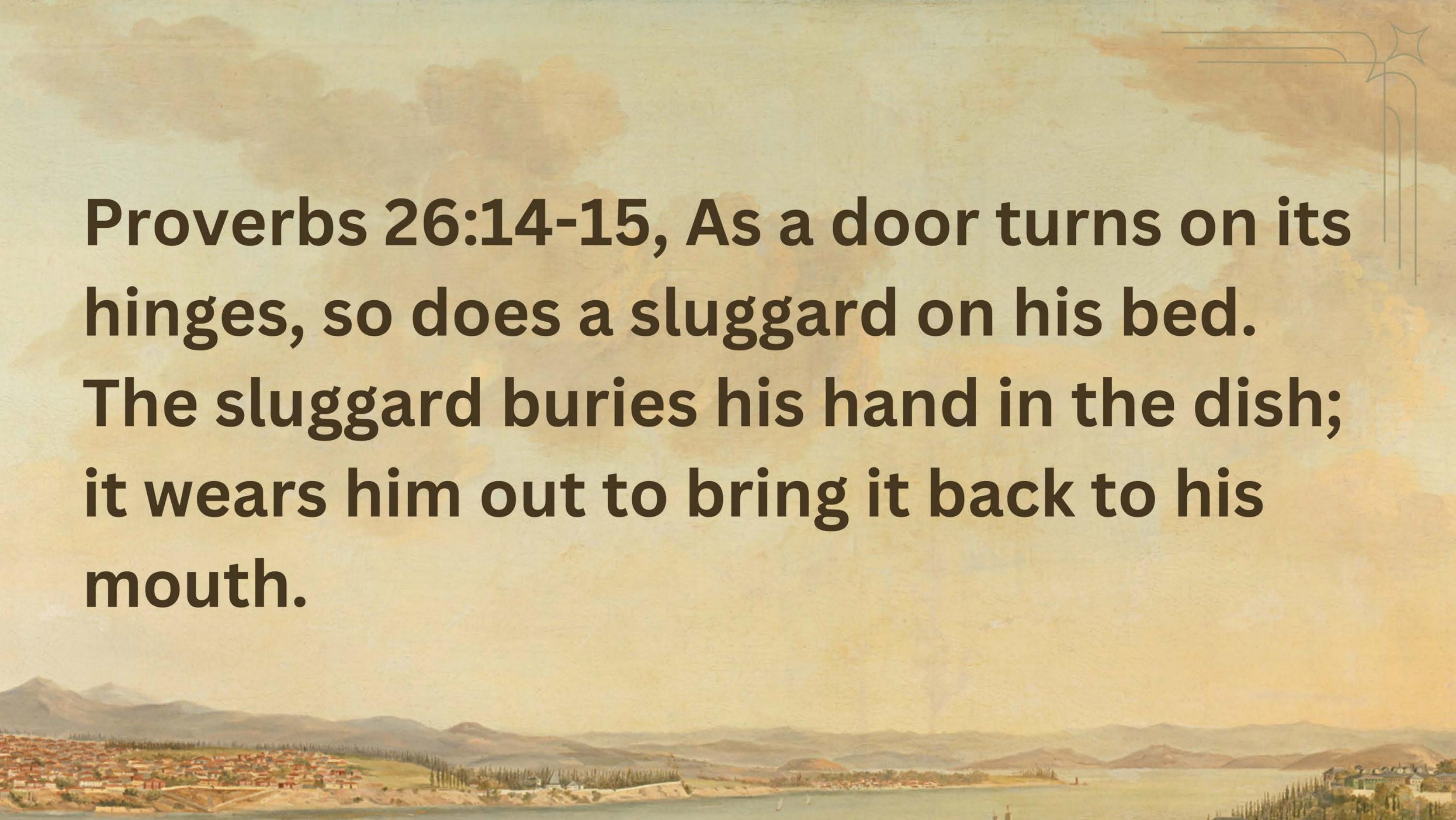
**3. Avoid Building A Relationship  
With Lazy People.  
Proverbs 26:14-15**

**“A lazy man aims at nothing,  
and generally hits it.”**





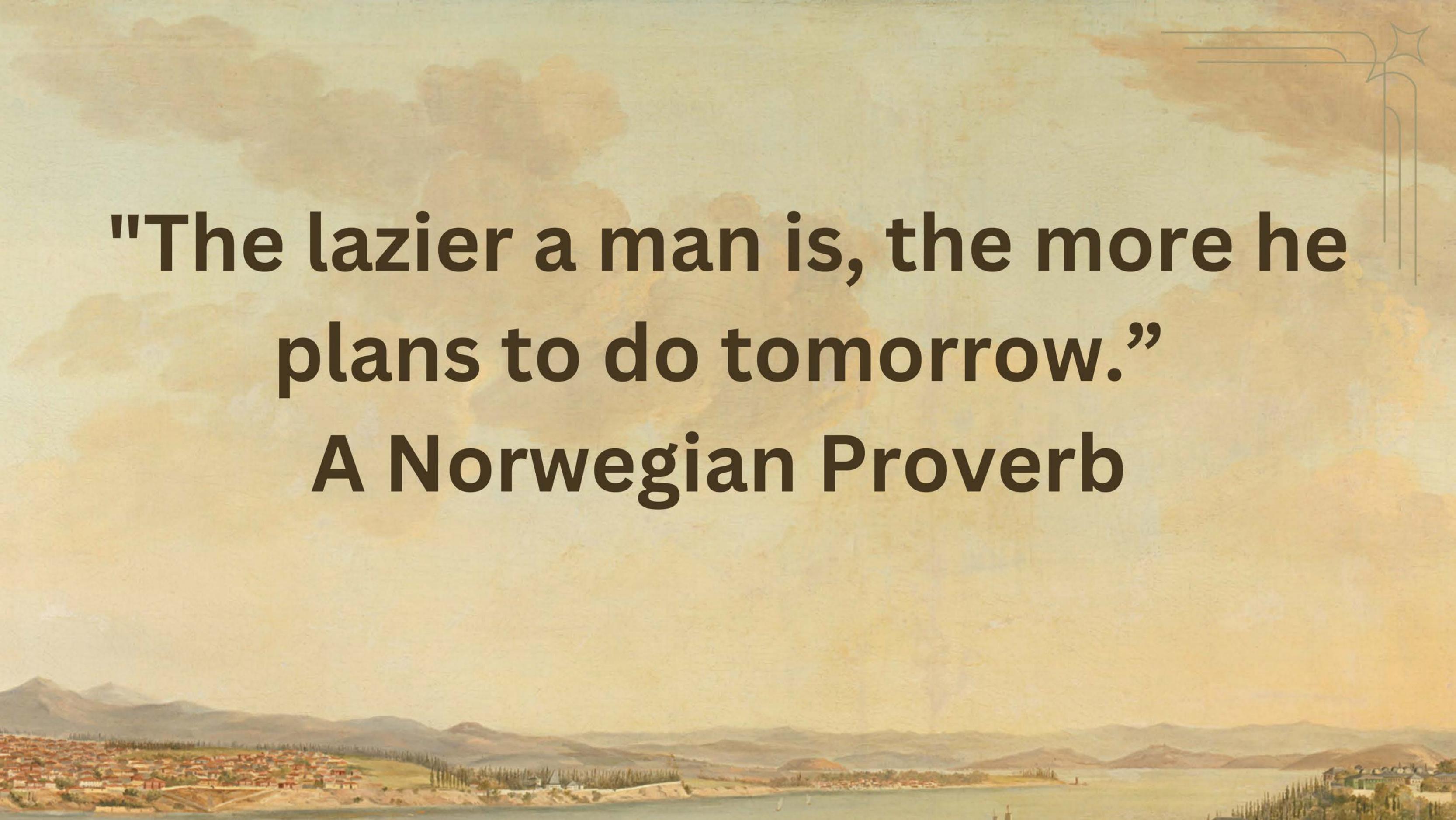
**Proverbs 26:14-15, As a door turns on its hinges, so does a sluggard on his bed. The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; it wears him out to bring it back to his mouth.**

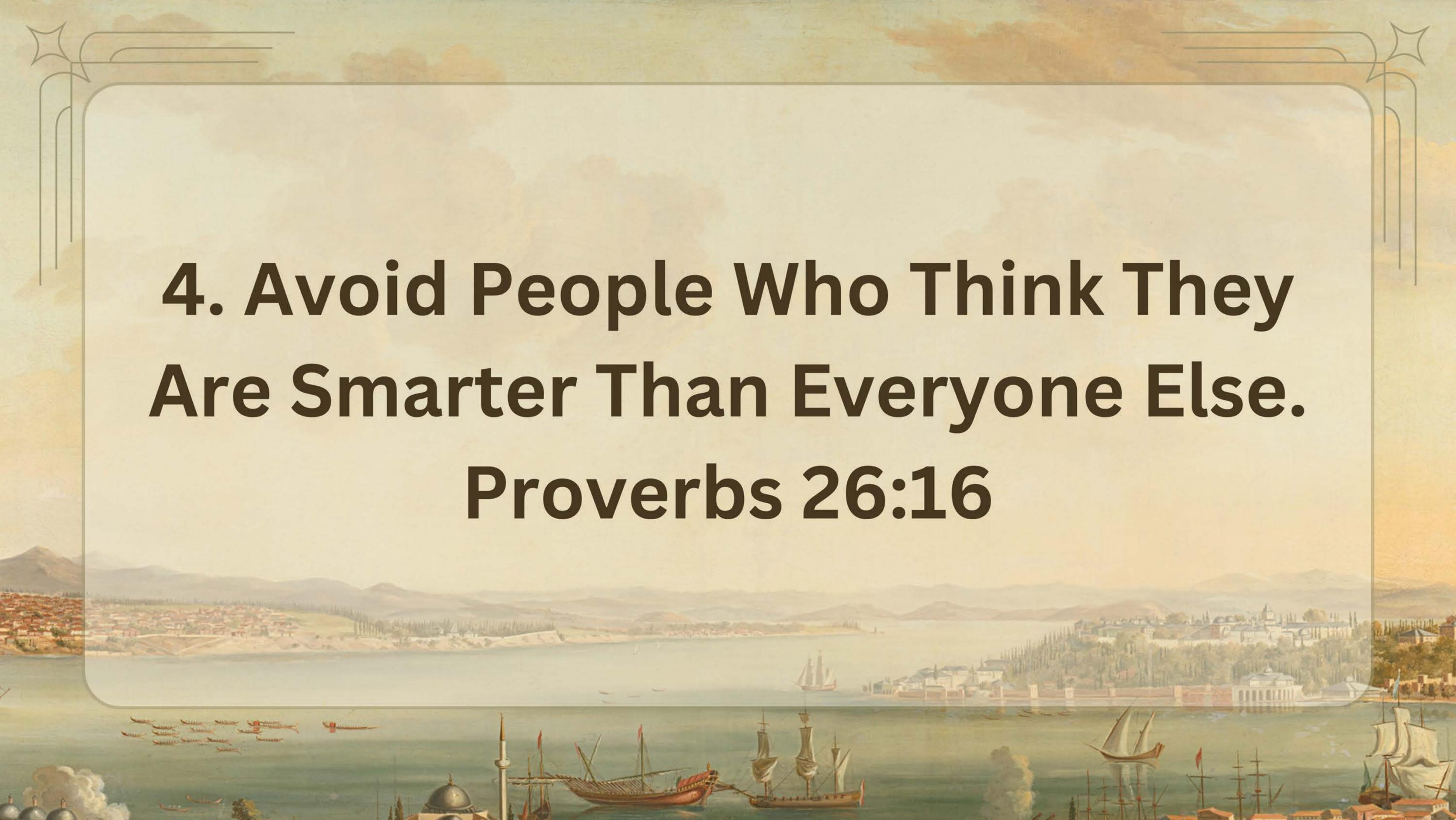




**"The lazier a man is, the more he  
plans to do tomorrow."**

**A Norwegian Proverb**



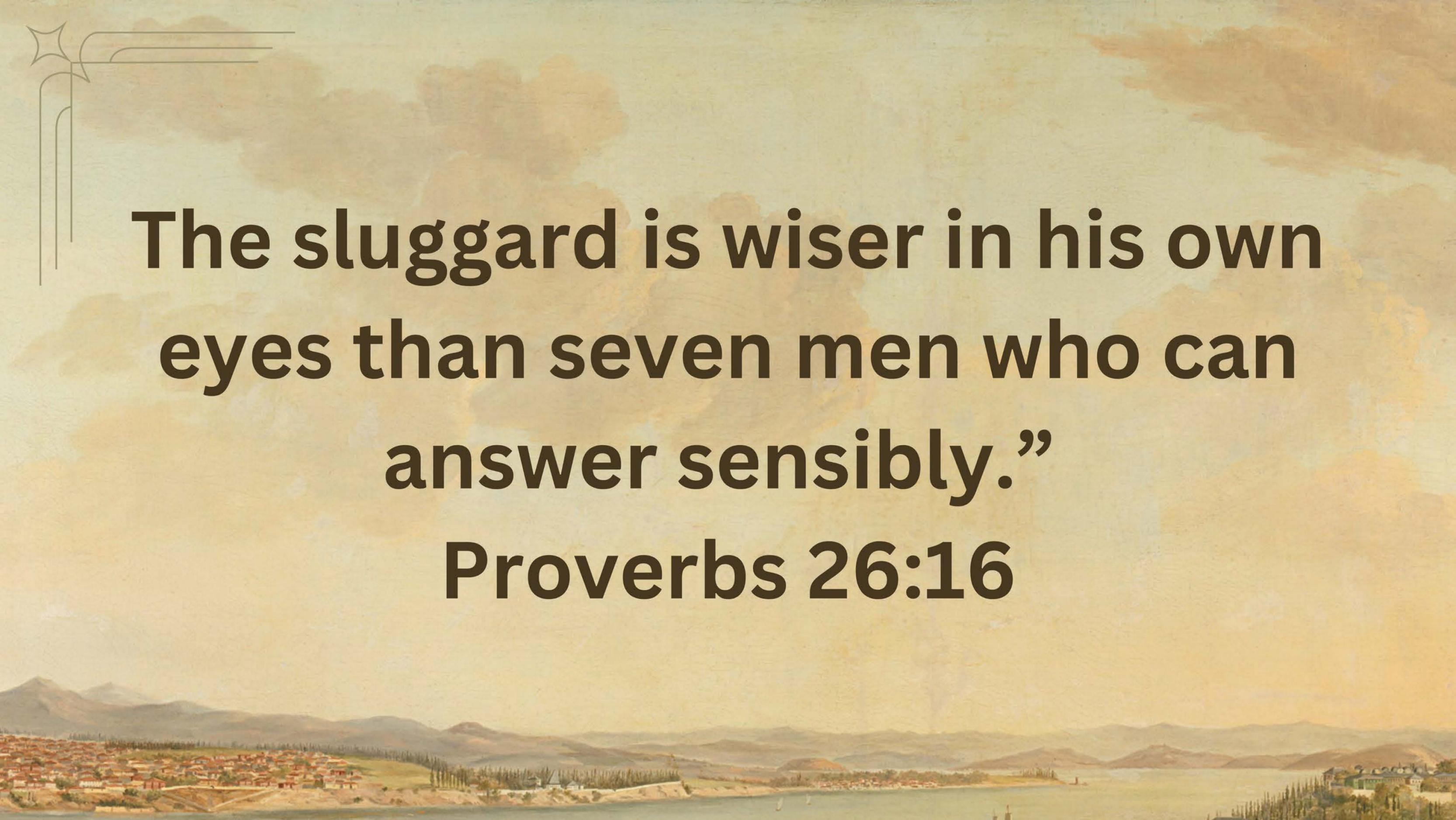


**4. Avoid People Who Think They  
Are Smarter Than Everyone Else.  
Proverbs 26:16**



**The sluggard is wiser in his own  
eyes than seven men who can  
answer sensibly.”**

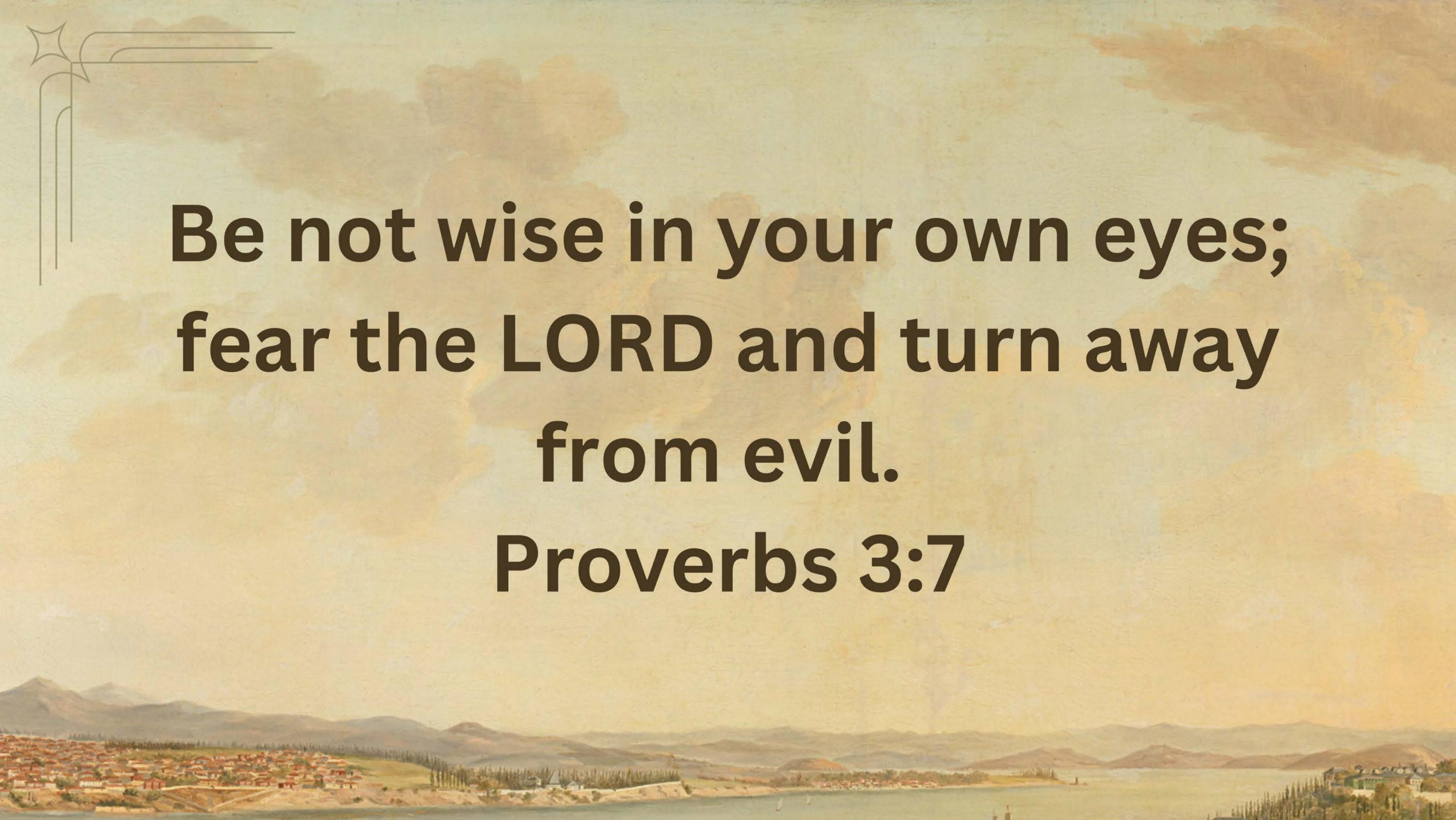
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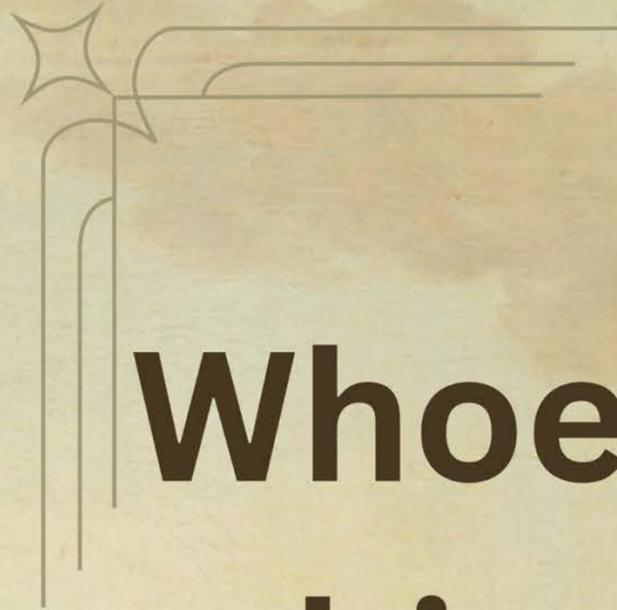
**Be not wise in your own eyes;  
fear the LORD and turn away  
from evil.**

**Proverbs 3:7**



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**5. Avoid People Who Are  
Meddlers.  
Proverbs 26:17**



**Whoever meddles in a quarrel not  
his own is like one who takes a  
passing dog by the ears.**

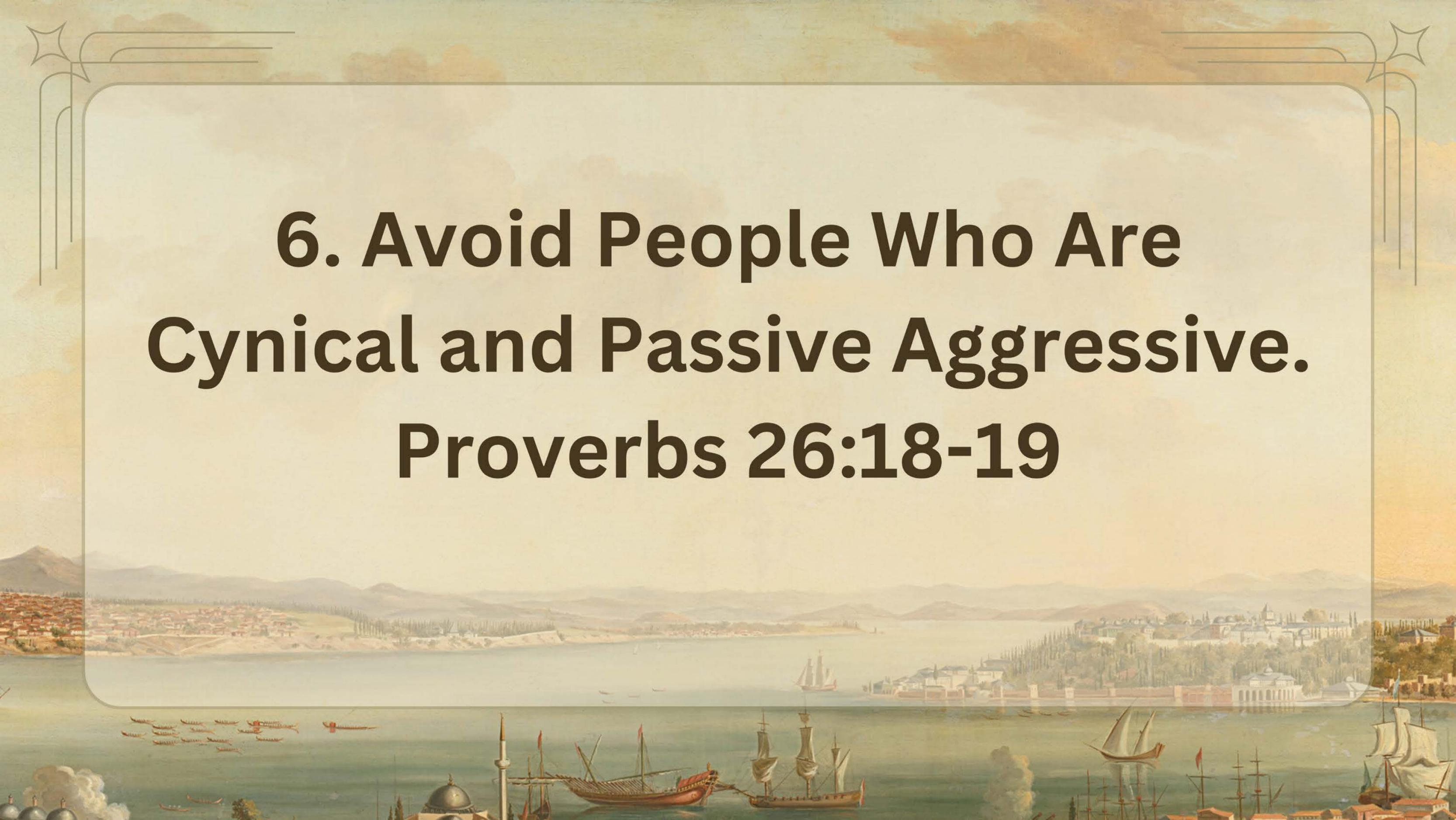
**Proverbs 26:17**



**“There are always ears on  
the other side of the wall.”**

**Chinese Proverb**





**6. Avoid People Who Are  
Cynical and Passive Aggressive.  
Proverbs 26:18-19**

**“I’d rather have an enemy who admits they hate me, instead of a friend who secretly puts me down.”**

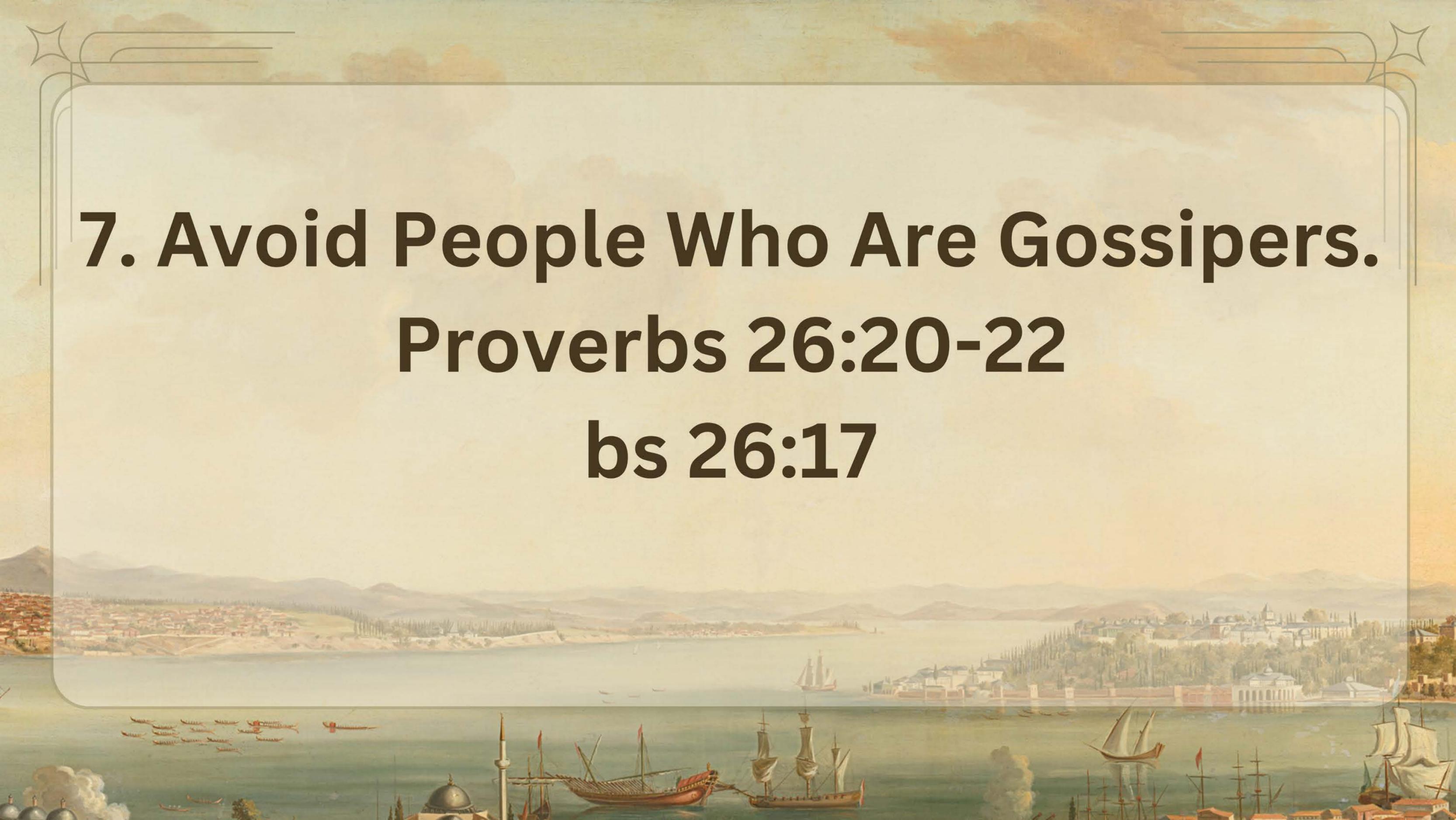


**Proverbs 26:18-19, Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death is the man who deceives his neighbor and says, “I am only joking!” The only thing more dangerous than someone who hates you is someone who pretends to like you but secretly hates you.**



**“I may look calm, but in my head, I have killed you at least seven times.”**





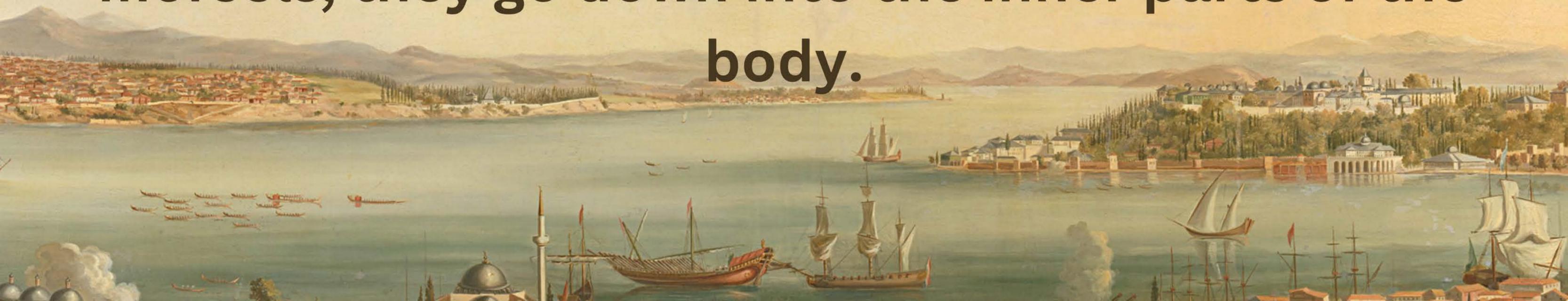
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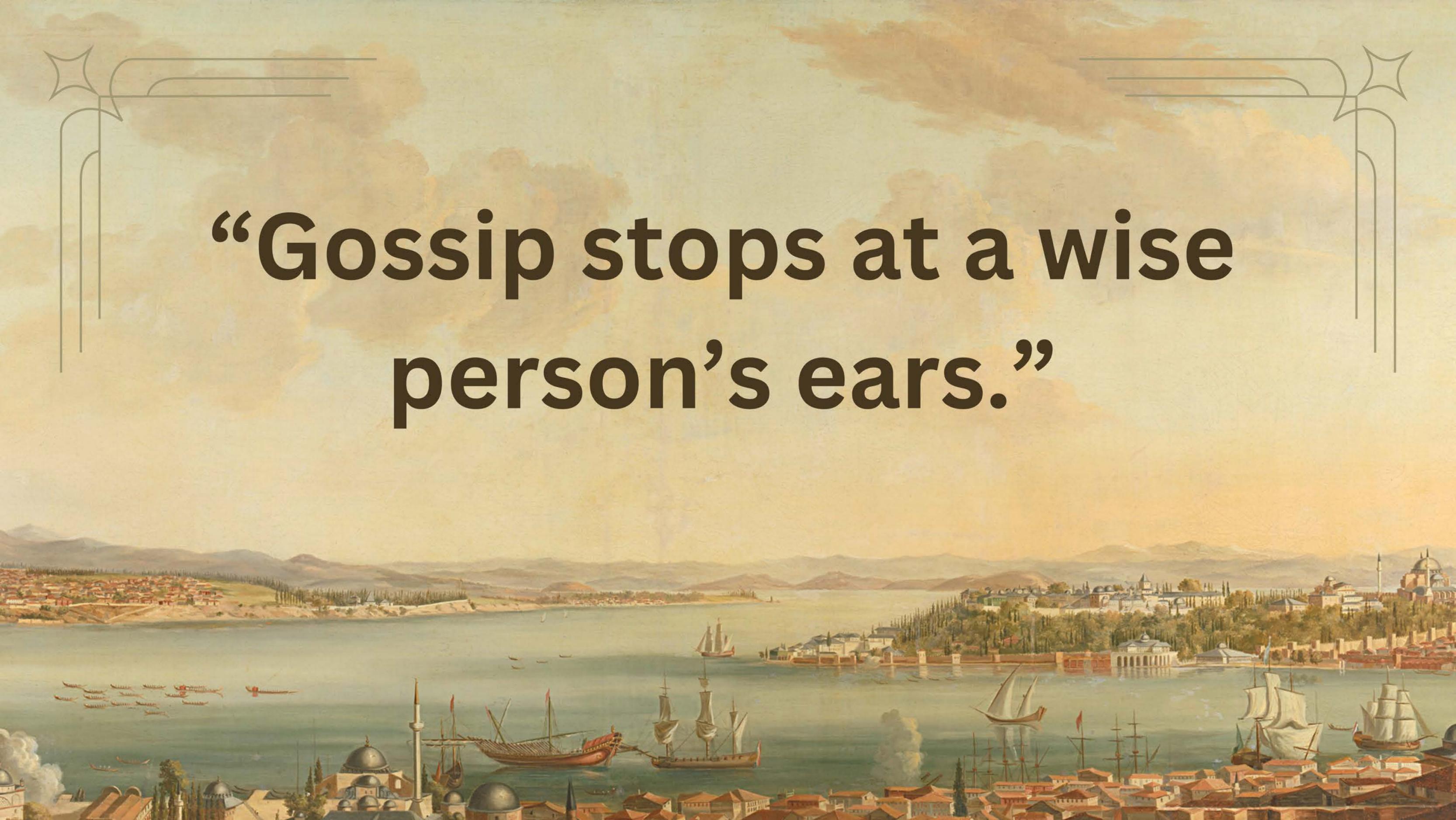
**Proverbs 26:20-22**

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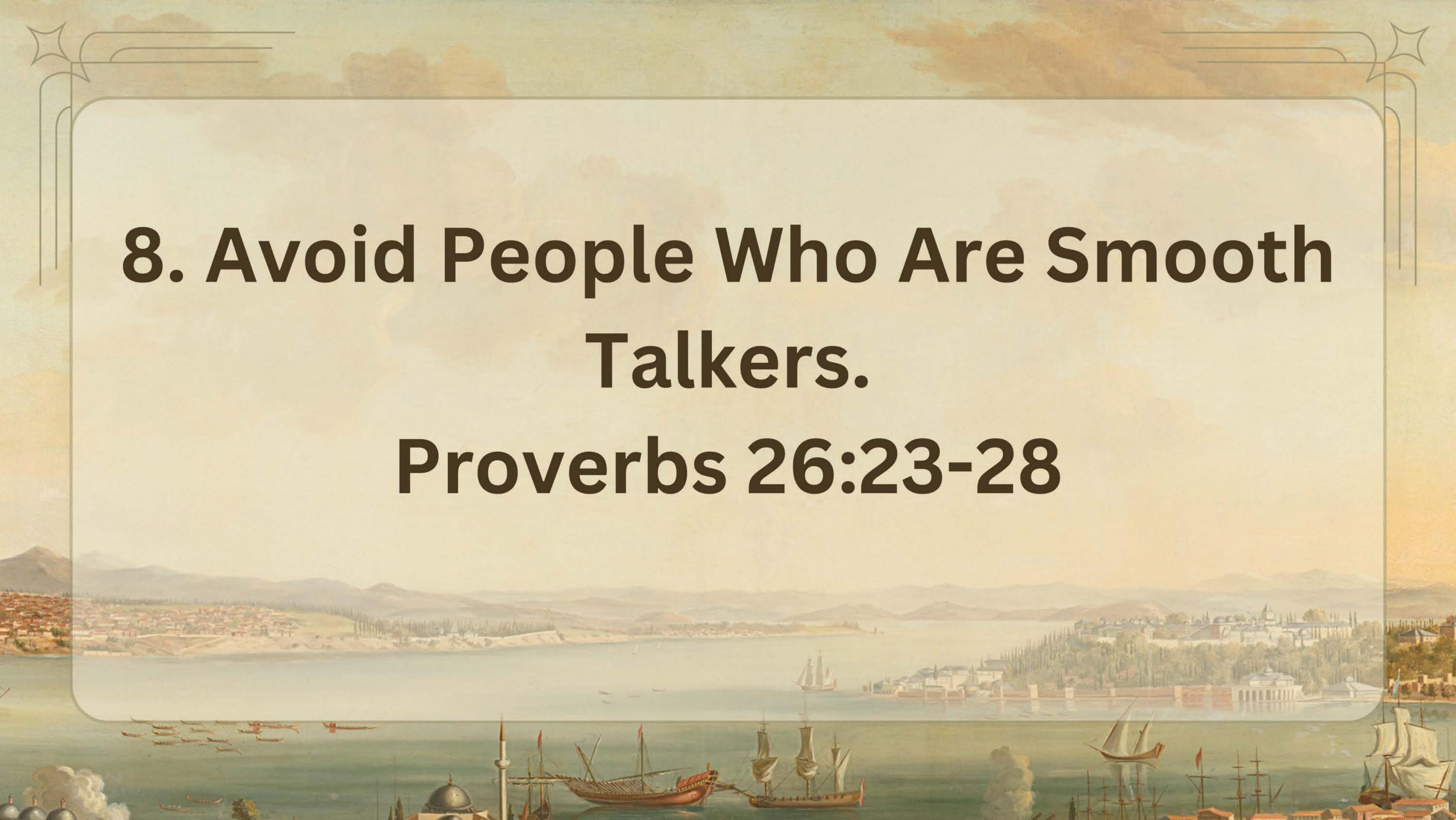
**Proverbs 26:20-22, For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases. As charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife.**

**The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels; they go down into the inner parts of the body.**



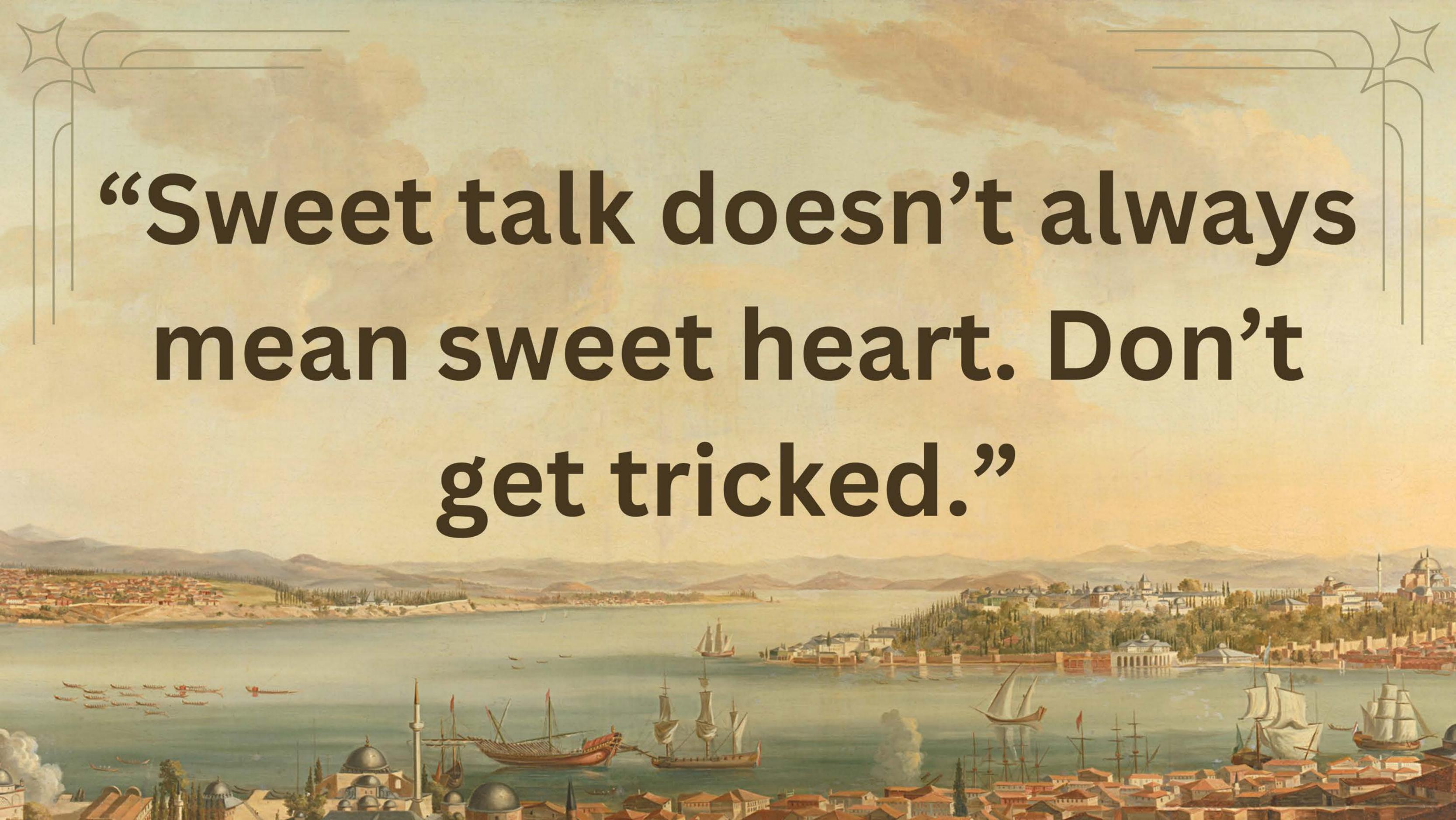
A historical painting of a coastal city, likely Constantinople, viewed from an elevated position. The city features numerous domes and minarets, with a large harbor filled with various sailing ships, including galleons and smaller vessels. The background shows a range of mountains under a sky with soft, golden light. The entire scene is framed by decorative, thin-lined borders in the corners.

**“Gossip stops at a wise  
person’s ears.”**



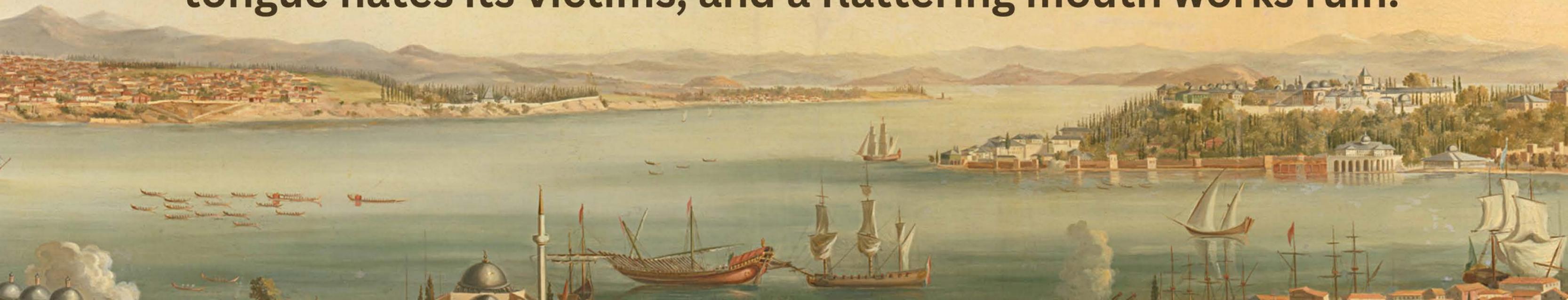
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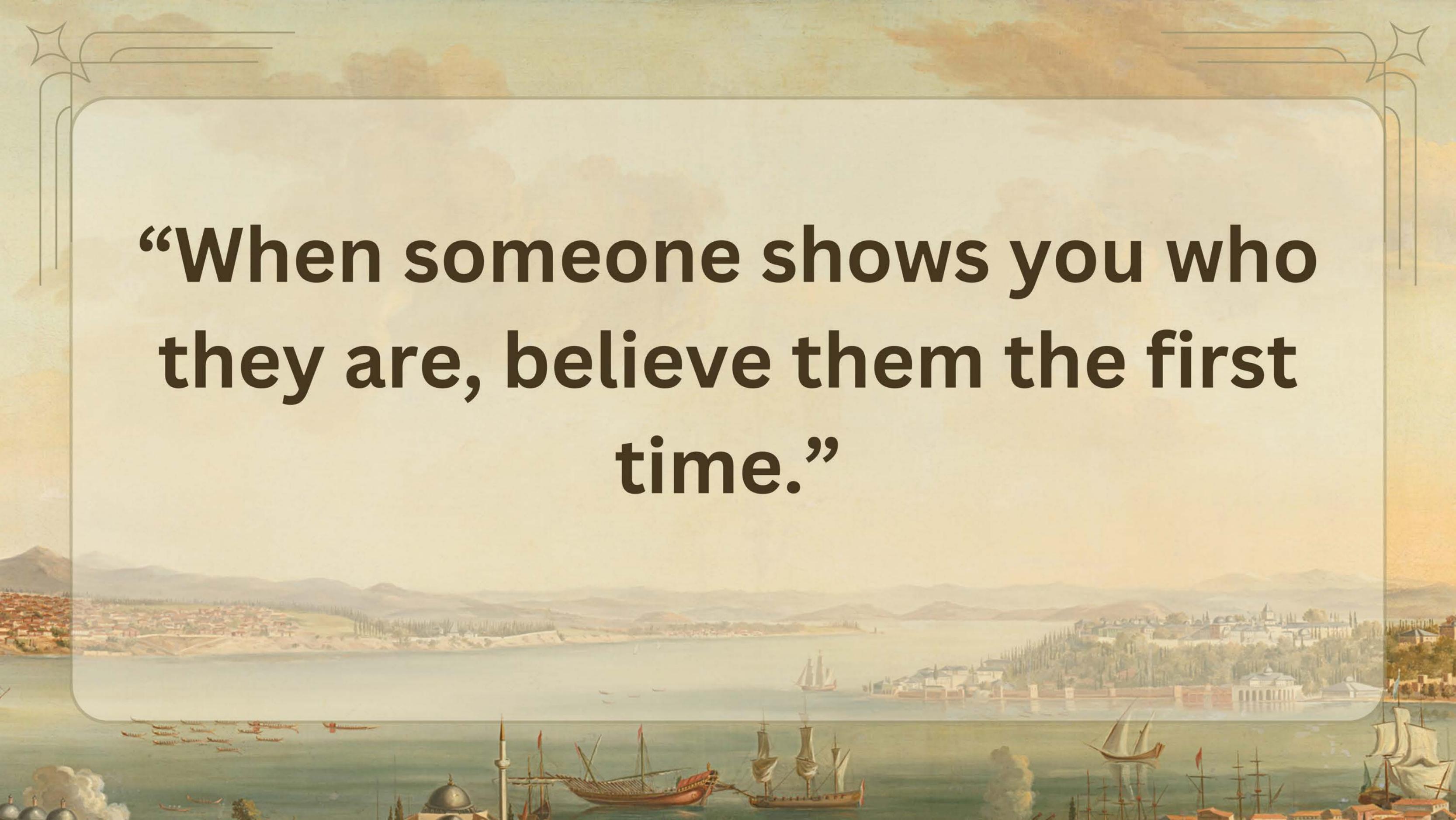
## **Proverbs 26:23-28**

A detailed painting of a coastal city, likely Constantinople, viewed from an elevated perspective. The foreground shows the city's architecture with numerous domes and minarets. The middle ground is dominated by a large harbor filled with various sailing ships, including galleons and smaller vessels. The background features a range of mountains under a sky with soft, golden light. The entire scene is framed by a decorative border with star-like motifs in the corners.

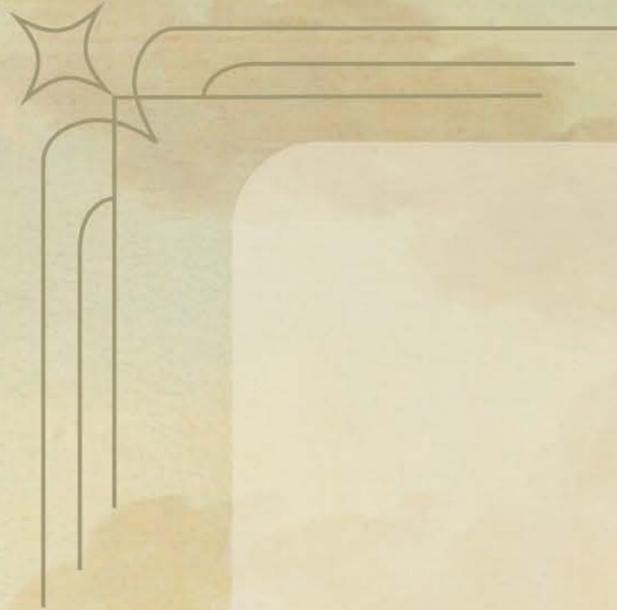
**“Sweet talk doesn’t always  
mean sweet heart. Don’t  
get tricked.”**

**Proverbs 26:23-28 Like the glaze covering an earthen vessel are fervent lips with an evil heart. Whoever hates disguises himself with his lips and harbors deceit in his heart: when he speaks graciously, believe him not, for there are seven abominations in his heart; his hatred be covered with deception, his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly. Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, and a stone will come back on him who starts it rolling. A lying tongue hates its victims, and a flattering mouth works ruin.**



A historical painting of a harbor scene, likely Constantinople, featuring a large body of water, numerous sailing ships, and a cityscape in the background. The scene is framed by a decorative border with star-like motifs in the corners. The quote is centered in a large, bold, black font.

**“When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time.”**



## **Follow Up Chat Questions:**

- 1. Why does the bible give certain requirements for relationships?**
  - 2. Name the eight types of people we should avoid. Give a reason for each type.**
  - 3. Which type of person resonates with you most?**
  - 4. What is your major takeaway from today's lesson?**
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